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The inventions as claimed in claims 1 to 5 relate to use of the drug according to the invention for kidney failure. Discussion on the statement of the description of the present case indicates that the usefulness of the drug according to the invention is proved exclusively by the experimental data showing the inhibition of an increase in blood creatinine level accompanying the progress of kidney failure in rats suffering from adenine-induced kidney failure. Since there are various differences in pathological conditions between acute kidney failure and chronic kidney failure, it appears that model animals of these diseases are to be constructed by different methods. The above-described model rats correspond to models of chronic kidney failure (see, if necessary, 'separate volume Igakuno Ayumi Jinshikkan - state of art' in "C. DOCUMENT CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT" in the previous sheet). Accordingly, the experimental data as described above show the inhibition of the progress of kidney failure in chronic kidney failure with the use of experimental models of chronic kidney failure and, therefore, cannot be considered as showing the usefulness of the drug according to the invention in treating or preventing acute kidney failure.

Such being the case, the search was made on the part that is disclosed in the description and supported thereby, namely, inhibition of the progress of kidney failure in chronic kidney failure.

Based on the statement in the description, it appears that the structure -C(O)-N-C(O)- of the oxaluric acid derivative represented by (I) given in claims is a clerical error for -C(O)-NH-C(O)-.

Such being the case, the search was made on compounds having the structure -C(O)-NH-C(O)-.